

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A measuring machine comprising a base that slidably supports a movable body; and a guide rail provided on the base and having a guide surface on which the movable body is slidably supported, the movable body adapted to slide via an air bearing device on the guide surface of the guide rail, the movable body ~~moving at least one of a probe and a workpiece in~~ measuring being moved to measure a workpiece, wherein said guide rail is monolithically formed with said base, and a coating film for rust prevention is formed on said guide surface.

2. (Original) The measuring machine according to claim 1, wherein said coating film is made of ceramics.

3. (Original) The measuring machine according to claim 1, wherein said coating film is formed by means of plasma spray-coating.

4. (Previously Presented) The measuring machine according to claim 1, wherein a flat guide surface is formed on a surface of said base, and the guide rail is

monolithically formed with said base on the guide surface.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The measuring machine according to claim 1, wherein said guide rail has two guide surfaces adjoining each other with a ridge line therebetween.

6. (Original) The measuring machine according to claim 5, wherein one of the two guide surfaces of said guide rail is a horizontal one, and the other is a vertical one.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The measuring machine according to claim 6, wherein a pair of guide rails are provided in parallel to each other, the horizontal guide surfaces of the guide rails are provided on the same plane, and the vertical guide surfaces of the guide rails are provided at positions opposed to each other.

8. (Currently Amended) The measuring machine according to claim 1, wherein ~~the probe is a measuring probe, and wherein the measuring probe and columns supporting the measuring probe are~~ a column that supports a measuring probe is provided on said base, and said movable body is a table for placing thereon the workpiece to be measured with said measuring probe.

9. (Original) The measuring machine according to claim 8, wherein said measuring machine is a three-dimensional measuring machine for carrying out three-dimensional measuring with said base and said movable body.